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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: BRAZILIAN MISSION IN PEKING

1. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY CARLOS AUGUSTO DE PROENCA ROSA, PRESENTLY ASSIGNED TO BRAZILIAN EMBASSY IN LONDON AS COUNSELOR, THAT HE HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO OPEN THE NEW BRAZILIAN EMBASSY IN PEKING. ROSA, WHO UNEXPECTEDLY RECEIVED ORDERS ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO, WILL HAVE THE RANK OF MINISTER. HE PLANS TO ARRIVE IN PEKING JANUARY 17 AND WILL BE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES UNTIL MARCH, WHEN THE NEW AMBASSADOR, A. FREITAS REGO, NOW AMBASSADOR TO STOCKHOLM ARRIVES TO ASSUME CHARGE. ROSA PLANS TO PLACE HIS CHILDREN IN SCHOOL IN BRAZIL BUT WILL BE JOINED BY HIS WIFE, BEATRIZ, SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL.

2. IN LONDON, ROSA RANKS IMMEDIATELY BELOW THE MINISTER-COUNSELOR FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE BRAZILIAN EMBASSY AND HAS EFFECTIVELY SUPPORTED THE LATTER AS ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE IN SUCH LONDON-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AS THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE ORGANIZATION (ICO). HE SERVED IN WASHINGTON APPROXIMATELY SEVEN YEARS AGO, IS FLUENT
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IN ENGLISH AND SEEMS GENUINELY FRIENDLY TO THE UNITED

STATES. ALTHOUGH BRAZIL OCCUPIES SOMETHING OF AN ADVERSARY RELATIONSHIP TO THE UNITED STATES IN ICO MATTERS, PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH ROSA AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BRAZIL DEL HAVE ALWAYS BEEN EXCELLENT.

3. ROSA PLANS TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE US LIAISON OFFICE AS SOON AFTER ARRIVAL AS PRACTICAL AND CONSISTENT WITH LOCAL PRACTICE. HE IS AWARE OF THIS MESSAGE AND WILL DEEPLY APPRECIATE ANY ASSISTANCE THAT MIGHT BE FORTHCOMING IN THE DIFFICULT TASK THAT WILL LIE AHEAD OF HIM. IN THE OPINION OF THE USREP TO THE ICO EXECUTIVE BOARD, ROSA IS A SENSITIVE, HIGHLY INTELLIGENT CAREER OFFICER, WHO SEEMS TO BE OUTSTANDING EVEN IN THE QUITE GOOD BRAZILIAN CAREER FOREIGN SERVICE. HE PROBABLY HAS BEEN CHOSEN FOR THIS NEW JOB DESPITE A NUMBER OF MORE SENIOR OFFICERS WHO MIGHT BE IN LINE FOR IT.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ASSISTANCE WHICH MIGHT BE EXTENDED TO ROSA AND BELIEVE HE WILL TURN OUT TO BE A USEFUL CONTACT IN THE LATIN AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY.

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